

# THE WALKING DEAD



## PREVIOUSLY:

Maggie confessed that she executed Gregory, which escalated into a heated confrontation with Rick. But as cooler heads prevailed there, Rick returned home to find Eugene waiting for him. Devastated by Rosita's murder, Eugene demanded that the Whisperers must die... and that Rick can use Lydia as bait to draw Alpha out...



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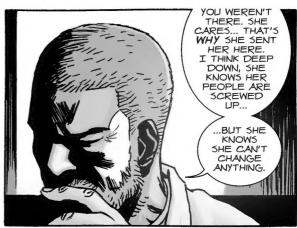


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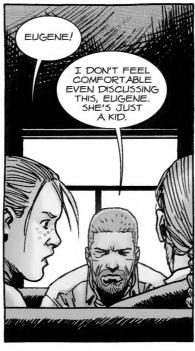










































































































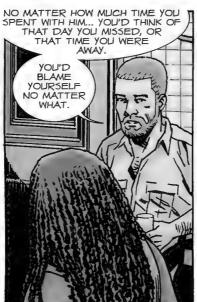




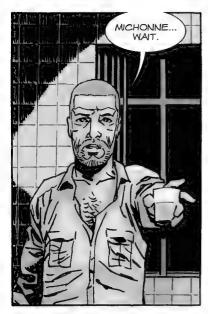






























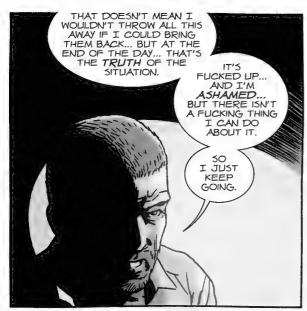
























































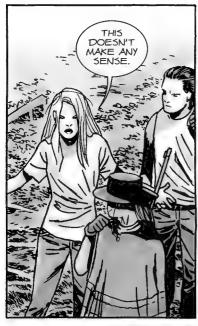






















Welcome to Walking Dead month! If President Obama hasn't already made that official, maybe it's still in the cards for next year. Not only do you get this issue, but Fear the Walking Dead just finished its first season, Season 6 (!!!!) of The Walking Dead just premiered last weekend, with a big kickoff at NYCC... TWD Compendium 3 just hit stores... TWD: The Road to Survival is now available on mobile devices, its first content update with new missions newly available ... I don't shill all that much, so thanks for indulging me. I just want to make sure you folks are all aware of EVERYTHING... because you are our core audience, the ones who have supported this book for so long and gotten us within spitting distance of #150... an over-sized 30 page issue...but will Andrea still be around to see us there?

Ouch, Sean! Touchy subject! We'll see where things land after that issue. It's going to be pretty crazy.

I just wanted to let you know I just love this book .... but I have a couple of issues I wanted to express .. the first was Maggie killing Gregory ..... I really felt that was unnecessary because you have demonstrated that Gregory has the survival skills of an invalid .... and if your have ever watched the movie Mad Max beyond Thunderdome ...there was a punishment called "Gulag" ..... all they had to do was blindfold Gregory .... ride him away from the settlement for 50-100 miles ...and then him goodluck he is on his own ....and unless Gregory can talk his way out of being dinner for a zombie ...he is pretty much dead ..... and as for the 2nd issue .... Rick is absolutely correct .... he has seen the size of Alpha's horde .... and he realizes that immediate retaliation would be a disaster ..... but please let it be Eugene that comes up with a plan that would lead to the demise of Alpha and her group ..... now I will shut up and wait for my next monthly dose of the dead! Pete W, .... Illinois

The old "I'm not going to kill you, but I ain't gonna keep you from dying" trick... Gregory's repeated betrayals just needed swift justice. This wasn't a time for politics, it was emotional and needed to put any threat he posed down for good. Because fuck that guy.

Also, Gregory was getting a foothold in turning the people of The Hilltop against Maggie. She publicly executed him to show her strength, and that betrayal would not be tolerated. It was very much a political move.

Hello there Mr.Kirkman and crew! Huge huge fan (probably gonna fangirl it if this gets into letter hacks).

#### Fangirl it up!

I just want you all to know that I love you all and have been so happy to be a part of TWD journey.

Okay.. lets get down to business.

WTF happened to Rick Grimes? Did he grow a vagina in the two year time skip after all out war? Where did his balls go though? Seriously. As much as I love Alpha, she has to go. Rick needs to take her out or everything he has been working so hard for has gone to shit. We need the Rick that agreed to kill Negan, not the Rick that locked Negan in jail. Time to pass the torch to someone that has a set of balls... Maggie maybe? Or Michonne? Someone that sees the problem for what it is, we need somebody like Negan to take charge that'll find a permanent solution for this whispers nonsense.

Anyway, if Rick ends up manning up anytime soon then that's cool too! But by the looks of issue 146's cover all he can do is hit Maggie. (looks like she got blood on her lips, although I have been wrong before.)

Thanks for reading this letter and an even bigger thanks if you post it for all to see! I love you guys!

Josh Smith, N.B

Your doubt echoes the sentiments of a lot of concerned citizens of Alexandria right now, and a huge thrust of this story is how Rick responds.

Yep. So... stay tuned!

Dear Mr. Kirkman,

Poor Michonne... But especially poor Eugene... This new arc is definitely more suspenseful. I'm looking forward to seeing how the "A New Beginning" Rick will handle this situation... On a side note we know that the Saviors are at the fair (or at least a majority of them). How come Dwight hasn't been seen? He's in good relations with Rick. Last time we saw him was in 141. Is he even at the fair? He's the best crossbow wielding character in TWD history. The best... I hope he and Negan end up having a little reunion.

Keep up the great writing and drawing TDW crew! ~Bryant P.

Dwight wasn't at the fair, but keep reading...we'll be seeing the Saviors again sooner than later. (I mean, come on, we're not going to just show Dwight in #141 and leave you folks hanging for another couple years, would we? I wish we were that mean...)

We are sometimes that mean. How many issues did we go without seeing Michonne? Hey! Speaking of which, did you hear the big news? Telltale's next TWD game is going to focus on Michonne DURING that time gap! It's going to be awesome. See how she got on that boat! In a video game!

Dear Kirkman and Gang,

I just read Issue #145 and although not a lot really happened (I'm sure many people were hoping a major throw down would occur after Issue #144), I really enjoyed it. We left #144 with a tragic event with several favorite characters checking out. But, with #145, despite the obvious heartbreak expressed by the characters, the majority of the scenes were actually pretty peaceful...at least to me.

Rick and the gang were in an open field, full daylight with a light breeze. In live action form, I imagine the scene fairly silent and sort of tranquil, aside from the faint sound of the leaves and grass blowing in the wind intermixed with the 'gaks' and 'oahhs' of the zombie heads.

I'm no literary guru but I believe the word is juxtaposition. Whatever it is, great job. Maybe I'm weird for appreciating the calmness of the setting mixed with the tragedy of the Rick and his peeps, but for a story filled with violence and gore, it's great when things sort of suddenly slow down. As Rick says in one of my favorite lines of the series - when Carl comments on how boring the sunset is, Rick responds, "Isn't it great".

Thanks for an amazing story! Never stop.

Sincerely,

Joe, Detroit, MI

#### A genuinely nice letter! We still get those.

And they're NEVER fun to respond to. See? THANKS! Where's the fun in that?

I've been a big fan of the comics for quite some time and have been really enjoying the Alpha storyline.

But by far my favorite character is Michonne. She is a force and such a great, strong woman to look up to. After reading the past few issues I have to wonder: will Michonne ever find happiness? I know it's the zombie apocalypse and all but it seems she never gets even a bit of peace and love like some of the other characters do. Michonne not only needs a loving relationship, she deserves one that will last.

Please make it happen Kirkman!

Katie

Happiness is a journey, not a destination. I think her friendship with Rick definitely brings her closer, or at least has her pointed the right way. No shortage of love for Michonne here.

She has an interesting journey ahead of her. That's for sure! Will it involve happiness? Probably... how much remains to be seen.

Hello,

Hey guys great job keeping this book going and keeping is so fresh! I am loving the development! Issue 144 was gut wrenching!

I wanted to ask if you ever thought about doing an issue where we wouldn't see any of the good guys at all and just do an issue where the plot was unfolding showing the bad guys discussing things or the conflicts with their groups. Just a thought.

Thanks and can't wait to see what other crazy stuff you come up with!

Best regards Chris in Belgium!

There was at least one issue back in the Governor days where the guys did that. We've certainly seen a lot of focus on the Whisperers encampment already... but time will tell.

Keep reading!

Hey! Hi Robert, Charlie, and their brilliant team! I beg your pardon for my English is not the best. I come from Russia, and we have here, as you know, the bears need to walk, to make playing the balalaika and drink vodka in the morning, so the time to learn English, I could not find it. But not in this case! I've got some questions for you:

1) The release of 137 Carl lost his virginity. And after sex Lydia said, "Oh, it was so cool!". Are you seriously? It was his first sexual intercourse! It was to last less than a minute! Yes, and given the fact that he had never masturbated (or rarely). Do not you know the physiology of the male body? How was your first time? Also perfectly?

The subject of Carl's masturbation habits has never been discussed in this comic. Nor will it ever again.

I would argue Lydia was not referring to duration or quality... but the feeling of it all. She's used to much different sexual experiences. To put it mildly.

2) And, indeed, there is generally the situation with "it"? People do not have sex, not to masturbate, women monthly. Yes, they're all at each other on a daily basis must throw with unfounded claims. Hatred, hatred, aggression and should come from them.

There's plenty of banging off panel. Killing on, banging off. Though sometimes there's sex on panel, and we kill folks like Ezekiel off.

Frankly, I'm disgusted with myself for running a letter about pre-teen masturbatory habits... knowing that Robert IS NOT going to join me in any of this. Let's just get this over with. I have to run to the hardware store before it closes.

Let's just assume everyone is masturbating exactly as much as they should be and move on.

3) Relationship with another guy Aaron's okay. I'm not a homophobe and tolerant attitude to such people .... but ... Jesus !!! Yes, you're there all gone mad! The fact that you are an atheist does not mean that you can so shamelessly "joke" on the theme of orientation Christ! You insult the feelings of all believers (at least in our country), and we have it punished criminally responsibility! Make it at least bisexual for compromise.

#### ...fuck fuck fuck fuck fuck...

Again... it's a nickname. I'm not saying Jesus was gay by having a character nicknamed Jesus who happens to be gay. This letter is amazing, Sean. Nice work. I'm always going to refer to Aaron as "Relationship with another guy Aaron". That's his full name now!

4) At the end of almost every issue I have goosebumps, consciousness completely flips 720 degrees, downcast. And after the 144 release my eyes out of their sockets. And the pressure has risen! Who will pay me ophthalmologist ??? And I pray to your comics. He wildly cool!

So you're polytheistic? I wish we spoke the same language. Maybe nothing you write means what you think it means and it's all a deep meditation on community and acceptance in a... fuck fuck fuck fuck fuck...

I wonder how he'd feel if we introduced a gay character named "comics" now?

Thanks to him I got hooked on "Outcast" which, unfortunately, in our country are reluctant to translate. At the moment, only transferred 1-8 issue and what is the author's translation. By the way, could you somehow assist in the translation of the comic book "Outcast" in our country? Thank you for all! Love you! Vlas Kuznetsov, Russia, Syktyvkar.

We're working on getting Outcast translated in every country possible. We want you, Vlas, especially to read Outcast so you continue to question the true meaning of life through Robert's comics.

I feel like I failed you, and I don't even know you.

You fail everyone, Sean.

Ok, see you next month.... Where I'll probably be booted from letter hacking duty, or at least suspended for a couple months to reflect on producing the worst letter hack to date.

Meanwhile, check out the preview—created for TWD fans—for Image's newest comic RINGSIDE. While Robert and I can't agree on the merits of wrestling, we can agree that this comic set in the world of wrestling is pretty goddamn STELLAR. Everybody's Favorite Joe Keatinge, Nick Barber, Simon Gough and Ariana Maher are going to show everyone the business in November. Enjoy.

### -Sean Mackiewicz

I love RINGSIDE as much as I hate wrestling! See you all back here very soon!

-Robert Kirkman









































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